FIRST Q. 2012 ISSUES / PRUBRAMS

## Community needs and issues

Based upon WLNS-TV's involvement in its community and input from community leaders and various organizations, WLNS-TV ("WLNS") has determined that the following issues are the concerns of the community:

**Health and Health Care** - Medical issues affecting all members of our community are a main focus of WLNS. These issues are addressed, in part, in our nightly "Healthcast" segment in our 11 p.m. news, Monday thru Friday.

**Economy** - As the home of General Motors, Michigan State University, and many other large corporations and smaller businesses upon which area residents are dependent for jobs, the mid-Michigan economy is always of interest to viewers of WLNS.

**Crime** - Like many other large communities, crime is always a concern to the community. WLNS' "Crimestoppers" segment airs several times per week, and is responsible for the arrest of many fugitives.

**Education** - Michigan State University leads the way, along with hundreds of area schools, in making mid-Michigan an educationally based community, and WLNS offers a variety of coverage of educational issues, not to mention comprehensive coverage of school closings during the winter months.

**Race relations** - With a very diverse population, coverage of issues pertaining to relations between all races in our community is given prime focus on WLNS.

**Environment** - Being home to many manufacturing companies, the treatment of the environment is focused upon when news warrants.

**Terrorism/National Security** – The events up to, surrounding and subsequent to 9/11 continue to have an impact on the entire nation and are of prime concern to WLNS viewers.



## First Quarter 2012 ISSUES / PROGRAMS LIST FOR WLNS

The following list contains some of the most significant programming treatment of issues of community concern addressed by WLNS during the quarter. The list is not intended to be exhaustive.

Date	Program	Time/ Duration	Issue	Description
6-Jan	Noon News	12:05 p.m./ 1:06	Economy	THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DROPPED TO 8 POINT 5 PERCENT, AFTER A FINAL BURST OF HIRING IN DECEMBER. IT'S THE LOWEST RATE IN NEARLY THREE YEARS, AS EMPLOYERS ADDED 200-THOUSAND NEW JOBS. CHRIS BORRAS HOPES THAT TREND WILL GET HIM BACK TO WORK. BORRAS WORKED AT A FINANCIAL SERVICES COMPANY FOR TEN YEARSBEFORE HIS JOB WAS CUT IN DECEMBER. NEARLY ALL MAJOR INDUSTRIES ADDED JOBS LAST MONTH, FROM MANUFACTURING TO TRANSPORTATION TO RETAIL. AVERAGE HOURLY PAY INCREASED BY 4-CENTS, GIVING WORKERS JUST A BIT MORE MONEY TO SPEND.
6-Jan	Noon News	<b>12:</b> 08 p.m./ :18	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	UMAR FAROUK ABDULMUTALLAB IS BACK IN DETROIT FEDERAL COURT TODAY FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE PLEADING GUILTY TO TERRORISM IN OCTOBER. HE'S REPRESENTING HIMSELF AND SAYS HE NO LONGER GETS ALONG WITH ANTHONY AMBERSAN ATTORNEY APPOINTED TO HELP HIM. THE GOVERNMENT OPPOSES THE REQUEST FOR NEW STANDBY COUNSEL.
7-Jan	6 p.m. news	6:04 p.m./ :27	Education	WE'RE COMING UP ON THE 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH'S NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND LAW. THE LAW AIMED TO IMPROVE SCHOOLS FOR POOR AND MINORITY KIDS AND HOPED TO BETTER PREPARE STUDENTS FOR LIFE AFTER SCHOOL. BUT CRITICS SAY IT FOCUSED TOO MUCH ON STANDARDIZED TESTS RATHER THAN MAKING SURE KIDS HAVE A WELL-ROUNDED EDUCATION. TODAY MANY EDUCATORS ARE LOOKING TO OTHER FACTORS SUCH AS ONLINE LEARNING AND HOW TEACHER EVAULATIONS ARE TIED TO STUDENT PERFORMANCE.
7-Jun	6 p.m. news	6:11 p.m./ :15	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	IT HAPPENED AT THE ENTRANCE TO A POLICE STATION. AUTHORITIES SAY IT WAS CARRIED OUT BY A SUICIDE BOMBER. THE COUNTRY'S INTERIOR MINISTER CALLED THE ATTACK AN ESCALATION OF TERRORISM AND SAYS THE GOVERNMENT WILL RESPOND WITH AN IRON FIST TO ANY SECURITY THREAT TO THE COUNTRY AND SYRIAN PEOPLE.

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9-Jan	6 p.m. news	6:25 p.m./ :25	Crime	TEAMS FROM THE D-O-C AND MICHIGAN STATE POLICE HIT THE STREETS IN JACKSON. AND ALL ACROSS THE STATE. IN ALL 24 PEOPLE WERE FOUND AND SENT BACK TO JAIL. WHILE MOST OF THE FUGUTIVES DID COMMIT CRIMES THAT INVOLVED HARMING OTHER PEOPLE THE REASONS THEY FAILED TO REPORT VARIED.
10-Jan	5 p.m. news	5:05 p.m./ :31	Health/ Health Care	IF YOU, OR A LOVED ONE LIVES IN ISABELLA COUNTY CENTRAL MICHIGAN HOSPITAL IS OFFERING FREE HEALTH CARE ONCE A WEEK TO ISABELLA COUNTY RESIDENTS WHO DON'T HAVE HEALTH INSURANCE. THE CLINIC AT THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT IN MOUNT PLEASANT IS OFFERING PRIMARY-CARE SERVICES LIKE: TREATMENT FOR MINOR ILLNESSES. THEY CAN ALSO ASSESS CHRONIC CONDITIONS SUCH AS ASTHMA, DIABETES OR HEART DISEASE. PATIENTS MUST LIVE IN ISABELLA COUNTY AT LEAST SEVEN MONTHS OF THE YEAR. THE CLINIC OPENS THURSDAY NIGHT.
11-Jan	11 p.m. news	11:06 p.m./ :28	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	MARK SILJANDER- PLEADED GUILTY IN JULY 2010 TO OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE- IN CONNECTION WITH HIS WORK FOR THE ISLAMIC AMERICAN RELIEF AGENCY SILJANDER TIRED TO GET THE AGENCY OFF A LIST OF CHARITIES SUSPECTED OF FUNDING TERRORISM. IT CLOSED AFTER BEING DESIGNATED A GLOBAL TERRORIST ORGANIZATION BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT.
12-Jan	Noon News	12:07 p.m./ :21	Race Relations/ Health/ Health Care	HAPPENING NOW A BRAND NEW TRAVELING EXHIBIT HAS ROLLED INTO LANSING IT CELEBRATES *BLACK HISTORY.* THE MOBILE MUSEUM IS PARKED OUTSIDE THE SPARROW PROFESSIONAL BUILDING. IT HOLDS MORE THAN 5-THOUSAND ITEMS SPANNING FROM THE ERA OF SLAVERY TO THE BIRTH OF HIP-HOP. THE EXHIBIT ALSO SHOWCASES THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF AFRICAN AMERICANS IN THE HISTORY OF HEALTH CARE
12-Jan	6 p.m. news	6:07 p.m./ :26	Education	HOW DOES THIS SOUND? EVERY COLLEGE STUDENT IN MICHIGAN GETS A FREE EDUCATION? THAT'S ONE "PLAN" BEING OFFERED BY SENATE DEMOCRATS. THE PRICE TAG IS ONE-POINT-EIGHT *BILLION* DOLLARS- BUT DEMOCRATS SAY THEY HAVE A WAY TO FIND THE MONEY. SIX NEWS CAPITOL CORRESPONDENT TIM SKUBICK HAS THE STORY.
13-Jan	6 p.m. news	6:02 p.m./ :21	t	209 MICHIGAN FACILITIES REPORTED GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS FOR 2010. THE OVERALL DATA SHOWS IN THE UNITED STATES POWER PLANTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MOST GREENHOUSE GASES OIL REFINERIES MAKE UP A LARGE PART IT AS WELL. THOUGH A MICHIGAN ENVIRONMENTAL LOBBYING GROUP SAYS PEOPLE IN THE AREA SHOULDN'T BE CONCERNED ABOUT THE IMMEDIATE AFFECT OF THESE FINDINGS.
13-Jan	11 p.m. news	11:11 p.m./ :27	Economy	A GRADUALLY RECOVERING ECONOMY IS HELPING TO STABILIZE MICHIGAN'S LONG-SUFFERING STATE BUDGET. BUDGET DIRECTOR JOHN NIXON SAYS THE STATE HAS A SURPLUS OF \$457 MILLION- LEFT OVER FROM THE FISCAL YEAR THAT ENDED SEPT. 30. SOME PROPOSALS FOR SPENDING THE MONEY COULD COME AS EARLY AS NEXT MONTH MICHIGAN TREASURER ANDY DILLON- AND DIRECTORS OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE FISCAL AGENCIES-ALSO MET TODAY- TO ESTIMATE HOW MUCH REVENUE THE STATE WILL TAKE IN THIS YEAR- AND NEXT.

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19-Jan	8:25 a.m. cut in		Education	THE LANSING BOARD OF EDUCATION IS CONSIDERING CLOSING EITHER EASTERN OR SEXTON HIGH SCHOOL TO HELP FILL A 20 MILLION DOLLAR HOLE IN THE BUDGET. PARENTS, TEACHERS AND NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS PLAN TO SPEAK AT TONIGHTS BOARD MEETING TO ENCOURAGE OFFICIALS TO KEEP THOSE SCHOOLS OPEN. THE LANSING SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT TELLS SIX NEWS ITS HARD TO SAY WHEN A DECISION WILL BE MADEAND THIS IS NOT AN EASY TASK FOR THE BOARD.
19-Jan	5 p.m. news	5:14 p.m./ :29	Health/ Health Care	TWO LANSING HOSPITALS ARE CHANGING THEIR NAMES. INGHAM REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER AND INGHAM REGIONAL ORTHO-PEDIC HOSPITAL HAVE NOW BECOME: *MCLAREN GREATER LANSING* AND *MCLAREN ORTHO-PEDIC HOSPITAL*. OFFICIALS SAY THE CHANGE REFLECTS THE HOSPITAL'S POSITION IN THE MCLAREN HEALTH CARE SYSTEM. INGHAM REGIONAL NOW MCLARENGREATER LANSING HAS BEEN PART OF THE MCLAREN HEALTH CARE SYSTEM FOR 15-YEARS. THESE CHANGES ARE ALL PART OF A RE-BRANDING INITIATIVE FOR MCLAREN HOSPITALS ACROSS THE STATE.
20-Jan	8:55 a.m. cut in	8:55 a.m./ :18	Crime	ON THURSDAY THE JURY FOUND PAUL STRANG GUILTY ON ALL COUNTS - INCLUDING PRE-MEDITATED MURDER, ARSON, AND A WEAPONS CHARGES. AUTHORITES SAY STRANG SHOT AND KILLED 25-YEAR-OLD WILLIAM BECKETT- AND 22-YEAR-OLD MONICA MORENO IN LANSING BACK IN AUGUST OF 2009. POLICE SAYSTRANG THENSET THEIR HOME ON FIRE TO TRY AND COVER UP THE CRIME.
24-Jan	6 a.m. news	6:07 a.m./ :20	Crime	THE AND GOVER OF THE ORINIE.
				IT HAPPENED JUST BEFORE NINE O'CLOCK MONDAY NIGHT AT THE STORE LOCATED ON THE 700 BLOCK OF EAST MICHIGAN AVENUE IN LANSING. OFFICERS SAY THE PAIR ENTERED THROUGH THE FRONT DOOR DEMANDED MONEY FROM THE CLERKS AND TOOK OFF WITH AN UNDISCLOSED AMOUNT OF CASH. NO ONE WAS INJURED. ANYONE WITH INFORMATION IS URGED TO CALL LANSING POLICE OR CRIME-STOPPERS
25-Jan	5 p.m. news	8:25 a.m./ :13	Health/ Health Care/ Crime	FOUR MID-MICHIGAN HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS MAY
26-Jan	5 p.m. news	5:03 p.m./ :35	t	RESEARCHERS AT HAVE FOUND EVIDENCE THAT VIRUSES ARE LESS LIKELY THAN PREVIOUS THOUGHT TO NATURALLY EVOLVE. THE GROUP FROM MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY WAS ABLE TO MUTATE A VIRUS TO GET IT TO FIND A NEW WAY TO ATTACK HOST CELLS. HOWEVER, IT TOOK THE TEST VIRUS FOUR MUTATIONS TO GAIN THOSE ABILITIES. RECENTLY, SCIENTISTS IN THE U-S AND THE NETHERLANDS DISCOVERED E-COLI NEEDED FIVE MUTATIONS TO DO THE SAME. HOWEVER, THE MSU RESEARCHERS POINT OUT ANY MUTATIONS IN A NATURAL ENVIRONMENT ARE RARE. THIS MEANS SOME AILMENTS THAT AFFECT ANIMALS - SUCH AS BIRD FLU - ARE LESS LIKELY TO EVOLVE AND BE ABLE TO ATTACK HUMANS.

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26-Jan	11 p.m. news	11:04 p.m./ :23	Economy	EVER SINCE THE ANNOUNCEMENT MONDAY IT SEEMS LIKE EVERYONE HAS AN OPINION ON IT. LANSING MAYOR VIRG BERNERO SAY IT WOULD BE A BOOST TO THE ECONOMYBRINGING IN THOUSANDS OF JOBS AND REVENUE FOR THE CITY OTHERS SAY IT WILL INCREASE CRIME AND CAUSE ONLY MORE PROBLEMS BUT FOR ONE LOCAL PROFESSOR WHO HAS BEEN STUDYING CASINO GAMING HE SAYSWHAT IT COMES DOWN TO IS WEIGHING OUT THE COSTS AND BENEFITS
26-Jan	11 p.m. news	11:05 p.m./ :24	Education/ Economy	MEANWHILE- PRESIDENT OBAMA HAS ARRIVED IN MICHIGAN- AHEAD OF A PLANNED SPEECH AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN TOMORROW. THE PRESIDENT IS ON A TOUR OF BATTLEGROUND STATES TO SELL HIS 20-12 ECONOMIC POLICY GOALS. HE'S EXPECTED TO PUSH EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROPOSALS DURING HIS APPEARANCE IN ANN ARBOR. OF COURSE 6 NEWS WILL BE THERE BRIGHT AND EARLY TOMORROW MORNING AND HAVE COMPLETE COVERAGE FOR YOU TOMORROW.
27-Jan	5 p.m. news	5:04 p.m./ :28	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	MORE THAN 12 YEARS LATER A DETROIT-AREA MAN WAS SENTENCED TODAY FOR HIDING WHAT HE KNEW ABOUT A MAJOR ARSON FIRE BY ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVISTS AT MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY. LAST FALL JESSE WATERS "PLEADED GUILTY" TO KNOWING ABOUT THE "2-THOUSAND" DELIBERATELY SET FIRE AT M-S-U'S AGRICULTURE HALL AND CONCEALING IT. AT THE TIME WATERS WAS FRIENDS WITH FRANK AMBROSE AND MARIE MASON WHO ARE NOW IN PRISON FOR THE OFFENSE AND OTHER VIOLENT ENVIRONMENTAL PROTESTS.
27-Jan	5 p.m. news	5:15 p.m./ :14	Race Relations	MITT ROMNEY AND NEWT GINGRICH ARE BATTLING IT OUT FOR A WIN VOTE IN FLORIDA. AT A CONFERENCE FOR HISPANIC LEADERS TODAY ROMNEY AND GINGRICH CONTINUED THE IMMIGRATION BATTLE THEY BEGAN IN A DEBATE THURSDAY NIGHT. DANIELLE NOTTINGHAM HAS MORE.
1-Feb	11 p.m. news	11:06 p.m./ :26	Crime	A FORMER STATE LAWMAKER FROM DETROIT IS IN HOT WATER TONIGHT KEN DANIELS IS CHARGED - AMONG A DOZEN PEOPLE - IN A MAJOR DRUG INVESTIGATION IN SOUTH EAST MICHIGAN. FEDERAL PROSECUTORS SAY THE DRUG RING IS LINKED TO MORE THAN 60 POUNDS OF HEROIN, 24 POUNDS OF COCAINE AND A HALF-TON OF MARIJUANA. THE INDICTMENT SAYS THE RING USED SEMI-TRUCKS AND VEHICLES WITH SECRET TRAPS TO TRANSPORT DRUGS AND MONEY ACROSS THE COUNTRY. MORE THAN \$20 MILLION IN CASH HAS BEEN SEIZED.
3-Feb	6 p.m. news	6:05 p.m./ :20	Economy	AN IMPROVEMENT IN MICHIGAN'S ECONOMY MEANS A CUT IN JOBLESS BENEFITS. STATE OFFICIALS SAID THE STATE'S JOBLESS NUMBERS HAVE FALLEN LOW ENOUGH MICHIGAN NO LONGER QUALIFIES FOR THE EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAM. THE PROGRAM PAID FOR UP TO 20 WEEKS OF ADDITIONAL BENEFITS ABOUT 29-THOUSAND RESIDENTS COULD BE AFFECTED.

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7-Feb	5 p.m. news	5:03 p.m./ :14	Health/ Health Care/ Race Relations	EMERALD MORROW TALKED TO LOCAL ADVOCATES WHO ARE PUSHING AWARENESS TO HONOR NATIONAL BLACK HIV AND AIDS DAY.
8-Feb	8:25 a.m. cut in	8:25 a.m./ :23	Crime	ON MONDAY NIGHT EATON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES PULLED OVER 22-YEAR OLD DEANGELO JOHNSON AND 23-YEAR OLD ERVIN BURTLEY IN LANSING ON A TRAFFIC STOP. ONCE STOPPEDTHEY REALIZED THE MEN WERE WANTED IN OTHER CRIMES INVOLVING WEAPONS. LANSING POLICE AND COUNTY DEPUTIES ARRESTED THEM. THE MEN WENT BEFORE A JUDGE TUESDAY. JOHNSON IS CHARGED WITH CARRYING A CONCEALED WEAPON BURTLEY WITH HAVING NARCOTICS.
8-Feb	5 p.m. news	5:05 p.m./ :27	Education	ALSO FROM THE CAPITOL LEGISLATION THAT WOULD ALLOW MORE *CYBER* OR ON-LINE CHARTER SCHOOLS IN MICHIGAN HAS CLEARED A HOUSE COMMITTEE. THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE APPROVED A BILL TODAY THAT WOULD LIFT THE CAP ON THE NUMBER OF CYBER CHARTERS ALLOWED IN THE STATE. RIGHT NOW, MICHIGAN ALLOWS TWO CYBER CHARTER SCHOOLS WITH A COMBINED ENROLLMENT OF ROUGHLY 14-HUNDRED STUDENTS THIS YEAR THE BILL NOW GOES TO THE HOUSE FLOOR. THE SENATE ALREADY HAS APPROVED A VERSION OF THE BILL.
8-Feb	11 p.m. news	11:03 p.m./ :25	Health/ Health Care	HOUSE SPEAKER JOHN BOEHNER HAS CALLED FOR THE PRESIDENT TO CUT THE PROVISION THAT WOULD REQUIRE CHURCH-AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS TO PROVIDE EMPLOYEES WITH FREE CONTRACEPTION. AT THE SAME TIME, THE WHITE HOUSE SERVED A REBUTTAL TO G-O-P PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE MITT ROMNEY FOR HIS RECENT CRITICISM OF THE SAME PROVISION POINTING OUT THAT ROMNEY PASSED A HEALTH-CARE LAW WITH SIMILAR
10-Feb	5 p.m. news	5:14 p.m./ :47		THESE 4TH-GRADERS AT WHITE PINE ACADEMY IN LESLIE WANT TO CLEAN-UP THE ENVIRONMENT. THEY ALSO WANT TO MAKE SURE YOU DO THE SAME. SO THEY "RECYCLED" THAT MESSAGE INTO THEIR OWN WORDS AND PICTURES ABOUT RECYCLING. THE BOOK MISS WAUGH'S STUDENTS PUT TOGETHER TELLS THE STORY OF A HUGE LANDFILL OUT WEST AND THE DANGERS OF THROWING AWAY PLASTIC.
15-Feb	8:55 a.m. cut in	8:55 a.m./ :20		OFFICIALS EXPECT THE SCORES TO BE LOWER THIS YEAR BECAUSE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION RAISED STANDARDS FOR WHAT IS CONSIDERED A PROFICIENT SCORE. THE MEAP TEST IS THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S ANNUAL STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT FOR THIRD THROUGH NINTH GRADE STUDENTS. DISTRICTS STAND TO LOSE FUNDING IF STUDENTS DON'T MEET EXPECTATIONS.
15-Feb	5 p.m. news	5:03 p.m./ :13	Security	ISRAELI OFFICIALS ARE WARNING THEY COULD LAUNCH A MILITARY STRIKE ON IRAN'S NUCLEAR FACILITIES. ISRAEL HAS ALSO ACCUSED IRAN OF BEING BEHIND ATTEMPTED ATTACKS ON ISRAELI DIPLOMATS AROUND THE WORLD. TEHRAN DENIES THE CHARGE.

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16-Feb	11 p.m. news	11:29 p.m./ :24	Economy	SNYDER SAYS ROMNEY HAS WHAT IT TAKES TO BUILD A FOUNDATION FOR AMERICA'S SUCCESS IN THIS GLOBAL ECONOMY. ROMNEY IS FIGHTING RIVAL RICK SANTORUM TO WIN THE FEB. 28TH REPUBLICAN PRIMARY IN MICHIGAN. BOTH CANDIDATES HELD SPEECHES IN MICHIGAN TODAY
18-Feb	11 p.m. news	11:03 p.m./ :16	t/ Health/ Health Care	SCIENTISTS STUDIED MORE THAN 17-HUNDRED STROKE VICTIMS IN THE BOSTON AREA OVER A TEN-YEAR PERIOD. THEY FOUND THE RISK OF STROKES INCREASED AS MUCH AS 34-PERCENT ON DAYS WHEN POLLUTION LEVELS WERE HIGHER. RESEARCHERS SAY POLLUTANTS FROM CARS AND TRUCKS SEEM TO CAUSE THE MOST PROBLEMS.
21-Feb	7:55 a.m. cut in	7:55 a.m./ :21	Education/ Economy	ON MONDAY COUNCIL MEMBERS VOICED THEIR CONCERNS ABOUT THE KEWADIN CASINO. THE SAULT STE MARIE CHIPPEWA SPOKESMAN SAYS ALL FIVE KEWADIN CASINO'S IN THE UPPER PENNINSULA HAVE POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH THEIR LOCAL COMMUNITIES IN TERMS OF BOTH SHARED REVENUE AND PUBLIC SAFETY. THE CITY ATTORNEY HOPES THOSE LIVING IN LANSINGWILL ALSO SEE THE BENEFITS FOR EDUCATION.
22-Feb	5 p.m. news	5:04 p.m./ :20	Crime	TAKE A LOOK AT THIS: SHERIFF'S OFFICIALS SAY THE HOME BREAK INS AND PROPERTY THEFTS CENTERED IN THE VILLAGE OF WEBBERVILLE AND SPREAD OUT INTO THE WILLIAMSTON AND MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP AREAS. POLICE FROM THOSE AGENCIES AND STATE POLICE ASSISTED IN THE INVESTIGATION. ANN EMMERICH JOINS US IN STUDIO NOW WITH MORE DETAILS ON THIS GROUP EFFORT. ANN?
22-Feb	5 p.m. news	5:06 p.m./ :28	Race Relations	IN WASHINGTON D-C THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION BROKE GROUND ON A NEW NATIONAL MUSEUM THAT WILL PAY TRIBUTE TO THE ART, LIFE, AND CULTURE OF BLACK AMERICANS. CELEBRITIES AND DIGNITARIES INCLUDING PRESIDENT OBAMA - GATHERED INSIDE A TENT ON THE NATIONAL MALL TO MARK THE START OF CONSTRUCTION ON THE *NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE*. SMITHSONIAN OFFICIALS SAY THEY ALREADY HAVE MORE THAN 15-THOUSAND ITEMS THAT WILL BE PART OF THE MUSEUM'S COLLECTION.
23-Feb	Noon News	12:03 p.m./ :20	Economy/ Health/ Health Care	THE STUDY FOUND ABOUT *FOURTEEN* PERCENT OF MICHIGAN'S CHILDREN ARE LIVING IN POOR COMMUNITIES. THAT'S UP FROM *EIGHT* PERCENT BACK IN THE YEAR 2-THOUSAND. ACROSS THE NATION *ELEVEN* PERCENT OF KIDS LIVE IN CONCENTRATED POVERTY AREAS. RESEARCHERS SAY UNTIL MICHIGAN LAWMAKERS DEAL WITH CHILD POVERTY THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO HELP FIX THE STRUGGLING ECONOMY.
24-Feb	6 p.m. news	6:06 p.m./ :23		STATE OFFICIALS HAVE WARNED OF AN E-COLI DANGER IN SOUTHERN MICHIGAN AFTER SEVERAL PEOPLE GOT SICK BETWEEN FEBRUARY 6TH AND THE 12TH. OFFICIALS BELIEVE THE SOURCE OF THE OUTBREAK IS RAW CLOVER SPROUTS AND THEY SAY NOT NOT EAT THE SPROUTS FOR THE TIME BEING. ANYBODY WITH THESE STOMACH FLU LIKE SYMPTOMS AFTER EATING THE SPROUTS SHOULD CONTACT A HEALTH-CARE PROVIDER OR LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

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28-Feb	11 p.m. news	11:07 p.m./ :23	Environmen t	MUHLENBERG COLLEGE SAYS 62 PERCENT OF THOSE ASKED LAST DECEMBER THINK THE EARTH IS GETTING WARMER. THAT'S AN INCREASE FROM 55 PERCENT IN THE SPRING OF 2011. NEARLY HALF THE PEOPLE WHO SAY THEY BELIEVE IN GLOBAL WARMING- BASE THAT ON THEIR OWN PERSONAL OBSERVATIONS OF THE WEATHER. CLIMATE SCIENTISTS SAY DAILY LOCAL WEATHER ISN'T EVIDENCE OF CLIMATE CHANGE.
1-Mar	5 p.m. news	5:04 p.m./ 1:08	Race Relations/ Education	BUT ONLY ABOUT 56 PERCENT OF AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDENTS at M-S-U ACTUALLY DO. IT'S A TREND SEEN AT FOUR YEAR UNIVERSITIES NATIONWIDE MARIO LEMONS IS AN M-S-U SENIOR AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE BLACK STUDENT ALLIANCE ON CAMPUS. HE SAYS THESE NUMBERS SEND A CLEAR MESSAGE
1-Mar	5 p.m. news	5:10 p.m./ :21	Health/ Health Care	THE BATTLE OVER CONTRACEPTIVES AND INSURANCE COVERAGE PLAYED OUT ON THE SENATE FLOOR TODAY. DEMOCRATS PULLED TOGETHER ENOUGH VOTES TO DEFEAT A REPUBLICAN-SPONSORED AMENDMENT DESIGNED TO KNOCK DOWN PART OF PRESIDENT OBAMA'S HEALTH CARE REFORM ACT. RANDALL PINKSTON HAS MORE.
1-Mar	6 p.m. news	6:06 p.m./ :21	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	A MAN IS GETTING A PSYCHIATRIC EVALUATION TONIGHT AFTER A BIZARRE SITUATION AT THE MAIN AIRPORT IN PHILADELPHIA. IT WAS CLOSED FOR ABOUT A HALF-HOUR THIS MORNING- AFTER A MAN IN AN SUV RAMMED THROUGH A FENCE, AND DROVE UP AND DOWN TWO RUNWAYS. HE WAS QUICKLY SURROUNDED AND CAPTURED. AUTHORITIES SAY THEY FOUND NO HAZARDOUS MATERIALS, AND NO CONNECTION TO TERRORISM.
2-Mar	6 p.m. news	6:04 p.m./ :47	Crime	ITS ONE OF THOSE THINGSYOU DON'T REALLY THINK ABOUT UNTIL IT HAPPENS TO YOU BUT IN A REPORT FROM THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION THEY FOUND THAT IN 2011IDENTITY THEFT WENT UP 11 PERCENT ACROSS THE NATION AND UP 18 PERCENT HERE IN MICHIGAN IN FACT MICHIGAN RANKS 13TH IN THE NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS FILED LAST YEAR HERE IN MICHIGAN 32% OF IDENTITY THEFT COMPLAINTS CAME FROM GOVERNEMNT DOCUMENTS OR BENEFITS FRAUD WHEN I TALKED TO MICHIGAN STATE POLICE AND THE ATTORNEY GENERALS OFFICE TODAY THEY SAY THEIR NOT REALLY SURPRISED BY THISBECAUSE FINANCIAL CRIMES ARE THE KIND OF CRIMES THEIR SEEING INCREASE AT THE FASTEST RATEAS THE ECONOMY CONTINUES TO RECOVER THEY ALSO ATTRIBUTE IT TO THE GROWING USE OF TECHNOLOYWHICH CUTS OUT THAT FACE TO FACE INTERACTIONMAKING IT EVEN MORE IMPORTANT TO STAY ALERT
6-Mar	6 p.m. news	6:07 p.m./ :16	Economy	THE SHIAWASSEE UNITED WAY FOOD PANTRY HAD TO "TEMPORARILY" CLOSE THEIR DOORS. THAT'S BECAUSE "THE NEED" BECAME SO GREAT THAT THEY RAN OUT OF FOOD. OVER THE PAST YEAR THEY SAY THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE LOOKING FOR FOOD HAS NEARLY DOUBLED. ONE SIGN THAT ECONOMY IS STILL TRYING TO RECOVER.

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7-Mar	5 p.m. news	5:03 p.m./ :22	Crime	THE NEW PLAN IS SUPPOSED TO COST TAXPAYERS ABOUT 15-MILLION DOLLARS. THE GOVERNOR WANTS TO: ADD MORE STATE TROOPERS PUMP MORE MONEY INTO CRIME-FIGHTING TECHNOLOGY CREATE TOUGHER PENALTIES FOR REPEAT DOMESTIC VIOLENT OFFENDERS AND MOVE CRIMINAL CASES FASTER THROUGH THE COURTS BY HIRING MORE FORENSIC SCIENTISTS. IT'S THESE PROPOSALS THAT THE GOVENOR HOPES WILL TAKE A BITE OUT OF CRIME.
7-Mar	5 p.m. news	5:05 p.m./ :23	Race Relations/ Health/ Health Care	AFRICAN AMERICANS ARE FOUR TIMES MORE LIKELY TO HAVE DEMENTIA IN OLD AGE THAN WHITES ARE AND ONE MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR IS STARTING A NEW STUDY TO FIND OUT WHY. A SOCIOLOGIST AT M-S-U WILL USE A 74-THOUSAND DOLLAR GRANT TO LOOK AT THE GAP BETWEEN RACES AND FIND WAYS TO REDUCE IT. HE HOPES THE RESULTS WILL ALSO HELP FAMILIES AND POLICYMAKERS MAKE PLANS FOR HEALTH-CARE OF THOSE OVER 71.
8-Mar	6 p.m. news	6:04 p.m./ :19	Crime/ Education	KEEP YOUR KIDS IN SCHOOL OR LOSE WELFARE ASSISTANCE IT'S AN IDEA GOVERNOR SNYDER PROPOSED IN HIS PUBLIC SAFETY ADDRESS WEDNESDAY. HE SAYS THE EDUCATION SYSTEM PLAYS A KEY ROLE IN PREVENTING CRIME AND THAT THE STATE NEEDS TO DO EVERYTHING IT CAN TO KEEP KIDS IN SCHOOL AND OUT OF TROUBLE. MEGAN SANCTORUM HAS MORE ON THIS PLAN MEGAN?
9-Mar	11 p.m. news	11:19 p.m./ :19	Economy	GOOD NEWS ON THE JOB FRONT. UNEMPLOYMENT ACROSS THE NATION IS AT THE LOWEST IT'S BEEN IN THREE YEARS. AND LAST MONTHMORE THAN 200 THOUSAND JOBS WERE ADDED TO THE ECONOMY.
12-Mar	5 p.m. news	5:13 p.m./ :24	Health/ Health Care	THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION IS RELEASING A BLUE-PRINT FOR STATES TO USE WHEN SIGNING-UP MILLIONS OF UNINSURED AMERICANS FOR MEDICAL COVERAGE. IT'S WILL BE THROUGH THE PRESIDENT'S HEALTH CARE LAW. THE LONG-AWAITED PLAN STRESSES STATE AND FEDERAL FLEXIBILITY-IN THE FACE OF A HUGE LOGISTICAL CHALLENGE. STARTING JANUARY 1ST IN 2014 MILLIONS WILL BE ABLE TO "BUY" HEALTH INSURANCE THROUGH NEW STATE-BASED MARKETS CALLED EXCHANGES.
13-Mar	5 a.m. news	5:10 a.m./ :19	Race/ Race Relations	THE U-S DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SAYS THOSE WHO FILED A COMPLAINT AGAINST THE DISTRICT LAST NOVEMBERACCUSING IT OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATIONARE NOW BACKING DOWN. RED CEDAR LEADERS SAY THE ANONYMOUS COMPLAINANTS HOPE THAT BY BRINGING AN END TO THE INVESTIGATIONTHERE WILL BE NEW AND PRODUCTIVE CONVERSATIONS ABOUT KEEPING RED CEDAR OPEN.
13-Mar	6 p.m. news	6:05 p.m./ :24	t	WELL, SOME LOCAL ELEMENTARY STUDENTS GOT THE ANSWER TODAY AT GRANGER'S WOOD ROAD REGENERATING STATION. THE COMPANY SHOWED THE STUDENTS HOW ITS *LANDFILL GAS-TO ENERGY PROGRAM* WORKS. IT'S ALL ABOUT TEACHING KIDS HOW TO TAKE CARE OF THE ENVIRONMENT.

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19-Mar	6 p.m. news	6:03 p.m./ :25	Terrorism/ Nat'l Security	FRENCH OFFICIALS HAVE RAISED THEIR TERROR ALERT TO ITS HIGHEST LEVEL AFTER A GUNMAN OPENED FIRE ON A JEWISH SCHOOL TODAY IT HAPPENED IN TOULOUSE THREE KIDS AND A RABBI DIED IN THE WORST EVER SCHOOL SHOOTING IN THAT COUNTRY. IN THE U-S- THE NEW YORK POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS STEPPED UP SECURITY AT SYNAGOGUES AND OTHER SITES AROUND THE CITY. OFFICIALS SAY THERE ARE NO SPECIFIC THREATS IN NEW YORK- BUT HAVE INCREASED PATROLS AS A PRECAUTION
21-Mar	11 p.m. news	11:06 p.m./ 1:40	Economy	FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 9 YEARS - MORE MICHIGAN VOTERS ARE FEELING GOOD ABOUT OUR STATE ACCORDING TO THE LATEST MRG POLL 46 PERCENT OF PEOPLE BELIEVE THE STATE IS ON THE RIGHT TRACK COMPARED TO JUST 24 PERCENT WHO REPORTED FEELING THAT WAY ONLY 6 MONTHS AGO. TOM SHIELDS IS THE PRESIDENT OF MARKETING RESOURCE GROUP HE SAYS WHILE THERE ARE A NUMBER OF FACTORS AT PLAY HERE THE BIGGEST ONE HAS TO DO WITH JOBS.
23-Mar	8:25 a.m. cut in	8:25 a.m./ :27	Education	THERE'S A NEW DOCTORAL PROGRAM AT M-S-U AIMED AT BETTER TRAINING SCHOOL LEADERS LIKE SUPERINTENDENTS AND EDUCATION OFFICIALS. IT'S CALLED THE DOCTOR OF EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP DEGREE. PROFESSORS WITH MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY SAY RESOURCES AND RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE SCHOOL SYSTEM ARE CHANGING AND THIS PROGRAM WOULD HELP TRAIN THOSE EDUCATIONS LEADERS TO BETTER WORK WITH POLICY MAKERS, PARENTS AND OTHER GROUPS. IT BEGINS IN THE FALL AND IS OPEN TO 20 STUDENTS.
23-Mar	5 p.m. news	5:03 p.m./ :26	Health/ Health Care	THOUSANDS ACROSS THE NATION *STAND UP* TO THE GOVERNMENT. THEY'RE UPSET BECAUSE OF A REQUIREMENT THAT EMPLOYERS WHO PROVIDE HEALTH INSURANCE INCLUDE COVERAGE FOR "BIRTH CONTROL." IT WAS PART OF THE HEALTH CARE LAW - THAT CRITICS CALL "OBAMA-CARE." PRESIDENT OBAMA CAME UP WITH A COMPROMISE BUT MANY PEOPLE SAY IT STILL INFRINGES ON THEIR RELIGIOUS BELIEFS. THEY RALLIED ACROSS THE COUNTRY TODAY. DEANNA FALZONE WAS WITH THE HUNDREDS GATHERED IN HOWELL.
24-Mar	11 p.m. news	11:02 p.m./ :24		STUDENTS AT EASTERN MICHIGAN GOT A SCHOOL-WIDE CRIME ALERT- AFTER A SHOOTING NEAR THE CAMPUS IN YPSILANTI. THE ALERT WAS SENT OUT AROUND EIGHT O'CLOCK FRIDAY NIGHT IT URGED PEOPLE TO AVOID THE AREA WHILE POLICE INVESTIGATE OFFICIALS SAY 3 PEOPLE WERE SHOT, AND TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL, BUT ARE EXPECTED TO SURVIVE- NONE OF THE STUDENTS ARE REPORTED TO BE THE VICTIMS OR THE SUSPECT POLICE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR THE SHOOTER.
30-Mar	5 p.m. news	5:04 p.m./ :30	Education	STUDENT ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN BROUGHT OUT NEARLY 1-HUNDRED STUDENTS IN A DEMONSTRATION FOR MORE FUNDING IN HIGHER EDUCATION. IT WAS THE SECOND DAY THEY CAME TO THE CAPITOL. YESTERDAY, THEY HAD ONE-ON-ONE MEETINGS WITH LAWMAKERS. THE GROUP SAYSSTATES ACROSS THE UNION ARE RE-INVESTING IN EDUCATION BUT MICHIGAN AND ALABAMA ARE THE EXCEPTIONS.

31-Mar	11 p.m. news	11:03 p.m./ :17	Race	DOCTOTED ON OPENION TO THE OWNER OF THE OWNER OW
			Relations/ Crime	PROTESTERS SAY DEMONSTRATIONS WILL CONTINUE AS LONG AS THE MAN WHO SHOT TRAYVON MARTIN REMAINS FREE. HE HAS CLAIMED SELF DEFENSE UNDER FLORIDA'S
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